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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CONSIDERS PLANS FOR REMODELLING OLD HIGH SCHOOL.

Board of Estimate Asked to Grant \$58,000 for School Purposes - New Teachers Appointed - Statement by Superintendent Morris.

The remodelling of the present High School building was discussed at a meeting of the Board of Education Monday night. A plan of that work, prepared by Architect Charles W. Jones, was submitted by Charles W. Martin, chairman of the building committee of the board, and the estimate of the cost was between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars.

The plan submitted met with the approval of the members of the board, but before taking decisive action it was determined to have the building committee have definite plans and specifications prepared, to be considered at the next meeting of the board, and at the same time submit the matter to the board of estimate so that if it was decided to make the improvement the money needed could be procured by increasing the proposed issue of bonds.

A resolution was adopted requesting the board of estimate to agree to an appropriation of \$58,000 for school purposes for the current year. Of the \$58,000 proposed \$5,000 is designed for remodelling, repairing and furnishing, \$5,000 for manual training and \$48,000 for current expenses. The total is an increase of \$6,000 over last year.

A proposition to purchase a motor-driven circular saw and joiner for the manual training department led to considerable discussion as to the liability for accidents, and action on the proposal was deferred.

Concerning the circular saw, William E. Le Quay, the manual training teacher, told the board that the proposed apparatus would be up to date and well protected from possible danger to the pupils whom he had occasion to instruct.

Mr. Le Quay further stated that the saw would be operated by him and his assistants to aid the pupils. The danger feature of the saw was all that the board members considered in the matter and as to what would be the outcome should a boy lose a hand or finger.

The following were appointed teachers: Misses Arne M. Smith, Emily Benoit, Edith M. Albion and Stella Harris. Miss Elizabeth Jenner, who has been a teacher of a special class, was appointed a regular teacher and Miss Maude L. Tuller was named as Miss Jenner's successor.

Miss Mabel C. Howard was transferred to the High School to take up the work of the eighth grade to be assembled there.

The building committee was empowered to have the flagpoles on school property painted.

Superintendent of Schools George Morris submitted the following statement to the board:

"The large increase in the enrollment of pupils in our schools shown by comparing the number enrolled at the end of February, 1912, with the enrollment of the corresponding month of last year, and which is 201, indicates the necessity of calling your attention to the fact that we are again confronted by the need of considering additional accommodations for pupils."

"At the present time we have in the six elementary school buildings - Berkeley, Brookside, Center, Brookdale, Fairview, and Watessing 72 finished classrooms, and the sum total of rooms occupied by children in these six buildings is 72. In addition to these there are classes in rented rooms in what is known as the Silver Lake school. To the 72 rooms mentioned above, another room at Berkeley and one at Watessing may be added with a reasonably small outlay for finishing and furnishing. The Brookdale building also has available space for finishing four more rooms, but these, because of their location, cannot be counted upon to help solve the problem as it presents itself in connection with the six other schools."

"When school opens in September, the enrollment of High School pupils, together with the eighth grade pupils to be transferred, will practically fill the new building. The increase in enrollment for February, 1911, over the enrollment for the corresponding month of 1910, was 214, and as indicated above the increase for February, 1912, over February, 1911, is 201. These numbers are sufficient to make five good-sized classes. If this growth continues to be the same size each year, it will be readily seen that the rooms made vacant by transferring the eighth grades to the High School building in September, will be filled by this increase, so that at the end of next year we will probably have every room available in the town proper in use. Carrying this reasoning one step further, we will find the year beginning September, 1913, starting with four or five classes in addition to the four classes now accommodated in rented quarters at Silver Lake without any rooms in which to

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"In addition to these data, if the High School enrollment increases next year in the same ratio as it has this year, there will scarcely be room for both the High School pupils and the eighth grades in the new High School building a year from next September."

"These facts are respectfully submitted with the feeling that it is the duty of the superintendent to present to the members of the Board of Education all the information that he commands concerning increases in school population."

The Crucifixion.

In view of the fact that Stainer's famous oratorio, "The Crucifixion," is to be sung next Friday night in Westminster Church, a few facts concerning the composer may be of interest. Stainer was born in 1840 his father was a parish schoolmaster and knew enough of the art, so that when, at the age of seven, he entered the choir of St. Paul's, London, he could read music well and play the organ. He remained in St. Paul's nine years, and often took the organ in emergencies. At twenty he entered Magdalen College, Oxford, and was the next year appointed university organist.

Within the next few years he took the degree of B.A., Mus. D., and M.A. In 1872 he was appointed organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, where he raised the standard of choral music to something very near perfection. His principal compositions include four oratorios: "Gideon," 1865; "The Daughters of Jairus," 1878; "St. Mary Magdalen," 1887; "Crucifixion," 1887; and many anthems, "Madrigals," etc. Owing to failing eyesight he was retired from St. Paul's in 1888, and was knighted the same year. He made many contributions to the literature of music, and was a man of wide influence in his profession. He died at Verona, Italy, on the 31st day of March, 1901.

Elks' Ladies' Nights.

The Bloomfield Lodge of Elks will hold a ladies' night on Monday evening, April 8, 1912, in Central Hall, Bloomfield. This entertainment is given for the ladies and friends of Elksdom at least once each season, and is increasing in popularity every season. Those who attend the receptions given by this lodge are always on the alert for an invitation to the next one. The event this year has been planned very carefully, and everything possible has been done to insure an evening full of enjoyment and pleasure. The programme will include soprano, contralto, tenor and baritone solos, selections by a male quartette, violin and piano solos, Sandy McNabb in imitations of Harry Lauder, and twenty or more dances. A collection will be served during the evening by a caterer of high repute. The hall will be arranged to resemble, as nearly as may be, a ballroom in a private residence, in order that a homelike feeling may prevail. The committee in charge is composed of Raymond F. Davis, Frank L. Fisher, J. Gilbert Brady and Charles T. Hallinan.

Guests from Newark, East Orange, Orange, Montclair, New York, Hoboken, Jersey City and Englewood lodges will attend.

Builder Missing.

A notice of a writ of attachment issued by Justice of the Peace George M. Cadmus against Frederick Twidle, a carpenter and builder, as an absconding debtor, has revealed the fact that the man has been missing since March 8. Twidle left behind him a wife and two children. Mrs. Twidle declared yesterday she had no knowledge as to her husband's whereabouts.

The notice of the writ against Twidle was issued at the instance of Ogden & Cadmus, dealers in masonry materials. Before going away, Twidle, it is said, collected a third payment of \$1,200 from Edward E. Bowne on three houses Twidle was building in Hazelwood road. The missing man, it is believed, has departed for South Africa, where at one time he lived.

It is believed the man was worried over a suit that had been instituted, it is said, against him by a former employee under the employers' liability act.

Pioneer Iceman Dead.

Wallace M. Soverel, one of the pioneer ice dealers in the Oranges, and a member of one of the oldest families in the Doddtown section of East Orange, died Wednesday night at his home, 600 Springdale avenue. His death followed a week's illness and was caused by heart disease superinduced by acute indigestion. Three years ago Mr. Soverel suffered an attack of malignant erysipelas and never fully recovered his health.

Joint Committee Meets To-night.

Mayor William Hauser is chairman of the joint committee of members of the Town Council and Health Board respectively of this town, Belleville, and Nutley that was organized to oppose the sewage disposal scheme of Mayor Hinck of Montclair, and the mayor has called a meeting of that committee to be held in Nutley to-night, to take further action in fighting Mayor Hinck's project.

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CENTENNARY MEETING.

IN HONOR OF THE TOWN'S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Old First Church the Scene of a Large and Enthusiastic Gathering Saturday Night - Judge Fort Made a Stirring Address - Good Send-off for Centennial Week.

The centenary meeting, held in the Old First Presbyterian Church on Saturday evening, March 23rd, in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the going into effect on March 23, 1812, of the act creating the township of Bloomfield and setting it apart from the township of Newark, was a grand success and an enthusiastic send-off for the centennial celebration in June. There was a very large attendance at the meeting, and an enthusiastic interest manifested by the people in the proceeding.

Mayor William Hauser presided, and on the platform with him were the Hon. John Franklin Fort, the Rev. George L. Custis, D.D., Frederick M. Davis, chairman of the Centennial Celebration Committee, and Professor P. J. Smith, conductor of the High School Glee Club.

Miss Gertrude Ward presided at the organ and played "The Star Spangled Banner." The High School Glee Club sang several selections in the course of the evening. The interior of the church edifice was beautifully decorated with flags.

Mayor Hauser in his address extended congratulations to the people of Bloomfield upon having attained the one hundredth anniversary of municipal independence. The mayor drew a contrast between past and present physical conditions in the town and noted the great development along the line of progress.

Frederick M. Davis read the act of 1812 creating the township, and he also gave an outline of the features of the celebration to be held in June and told of the work that had thus far been done by the General Committee. Mr. Davis appealed to the people to interest themselves in the celebration.

Former Governor John Franklin Fort in his opening remarks congratulated the people of Bloomfield upon the completion of one hundred years of municipal history and said it was particularly appropriate that the anniversary celebration was being held in the historic old edifice that was so closely identified with the history of the town.

Mr. Fort said the naming of the town after General Bloomfield means that the town stands for courage, citizenship and fidelity. He told of the visits of Governor and Mrs. Bloomfield to Bloomfield and of the fact that the latter gave a Bible to the church in which the celebration was being held, and the Governor gave \$140 toward the building of the edifice.

The speaker read the original charter of the organization of the First Church, which he said believed in the rule of the majority as well as now, also in the financial strain in the life of our forefathers and declared: "We could all use a little more of this to-day. There is no man of intelligence who has studied the Bible and who doesn't know he gets more from it intellectually and morally than from any other book in the world."

Recreation Centre.

About five hundred people visited Berkeley School last Saturday evening and joined in the various kinds of sports. Two hotly contested basketball games were held in the gym, the Berkeley boys beating the Park team 25 to 19, and the Watessing Imperials winning said the Junior League.

Emelyn Edwards proved an excellent referee. In the old assembly, great fun was had by a large number of young folks, under the charge of Mr. Harper, assisted by Miss Falk, Miss Watson, Mr. Moorman and others. Active games and folk dancing were the features. In the new assembly, many played at quiet games and read.

The school extension committee who had charge of the center, were highly pleased with the success of the opening night.

To-night the building will be open again to the public. Volunteer helpers will be greatly appreciated by the committee. In the basketball court, the Berkeley school team will play the Berkeley Alumni team, while Captain Maher's Lake street team will play the Grace street boys under Captain Betts. Everybody will be welcome again.

Bible Study.

The Bible Study Class of the Extension Department of the Bible Teachers' Training School of New York City, meets on Friday evenings in the Bible classroom of the First Presbyterian Sunday-school, 1 Kings 1: 11 is the study this week.

Under the same auspices, a new morning class is being formed; it meets in the parish house of the Methodist Church at 30 o'clock for one hour. The study is Mark's gospel and Chapters 2 and 3 are for this week. Both men and women are very cordially invited to visit both of these classes.

THIRDLY - Don't ask for more than you need; remember that your neighbors may be in the same straits that you are, and, if they pay their coal bills, are entitled to equal consideration.

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BEARD BILL VETOED.

GOVERNOR WILSON'S REASON FOR VETOING THE BILL.

Says the Issue Involved Was a Matter for State Board of Health - Large Attendance at Governor's Hearing - Plainfield Man Sprang a Trump Card.

Governor Wilson on Wednesday vetoed the Beard bill for the prevention of the locating and operating an Imhoff sewage disposal plant in this town and Belleville for the benefit of Montclair and East Orange.

The governor, in his veto message, made the following statement:

"A very careful consideration of this bill convinces me that it is based upon a most unsafe and unscientific principle. The question of sewage affects whole sections of the State. It cannot be dealt with by community by community without regard to the topography of the country, the method and closeness of its settlement or the natural facilities for disposing of sewage."

"Political divisions are in no sense natural divisions when this most difficult matter is to be handled. To adopt the principle of this bill would be to embarrass engineering undertakings connected with the public health in the most serious way, and in some instances might render them impossible."

"Any careful consideration of the great urban areas of the northern part of the State will convince a careful student of this subject, that those areas must be studied as a whole and dealt with as wholes, and that it is not safe to put the settlement of neighborhood questions with regard to drainage in the hands of any authorities having a smaller jurisdiction than the State itself."

"It would seem that the present powers of the State Board of Health are sufficient to safeguard the several political divisions of the State against the deleterious influences resulting from the sewage disposal within their limits, and if the board has not now powers sufficiently comprehensive to accomplish this object, such powers should certainly be conferred upon it, rather than allow questions of drainage to be settled by neighborhood preferences and jealousies, instead of by the scientific rules of sanitary engineering."

"I think the establishment of the principle involved in this bill would be a most unwise experiment."

Governor Wilson's veto of the Beard bill on Wednesday followed a largely attended hearing on the bill before the governor on Tuesday afternoon. The large majority of those present at the hearing were in favor of the bill. The addresses made by those favoring the bill were practically a repetition of the line of argument followed in the hearings before the House Committee and the Senate Committee.

An interesting and important addition, however, was an address by Assemblyman Beard who contended that the system of disposal plants had not been perfected in this country to an extent to prevent their becoming a nuisance after two or three years. Till they should be thus perfected he thought the home rule principle should prevail, and particularly inasmuch as each of the municipalities proposing to install the Imhoff system has plenty of ground within its own confines.

Replying later to an argument from the other side, Mr. Beard insisted that in Germany, where the Imhoff system has been tried with marked success, conditions differ greatly from those in this State. This he said was principally because in Germany advantage is taken of rapidly running streams which supply the oxygen necessary to prevent putrefaction. These streams also absorb in iron oxides which destroy malignant germs.

The opponents of the bill who had not made much of a demonstration at the two previous hearings were out in stronger force at the governor's hearing and played a trump card when former Mayor Newton B. Smalley of North Plainfield, read to the governor his veto message of last year disapproving of the North Plainfield sewage bill. He said he agreed with the reasoning of that veto message, even though it did "put us on the bum." For exactly the same reasons he asked the governor to veto the present measure.

Mayor Clark of North Plainfield, declared that the Beard bill would have a very sweeping effect. Among other things he said it would prevent North Plainfield, which now thinks it begins to see a solution of its sewage problem, from going into the township to dispose of its sewage. A similar protest was made by W. J. Butfield of North Plainfield.

Methodist Conference.

The Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the Montclair Methodist Church on Wednesday and will probably adjourn on Tuesday. To-morrow will be Conference Sunday and Bishop Perry will preach in the Montclair Church. Appointments to charges will be announced Monday.

FOURTHLY - Remember that "coal is coal" nowadays, and don't be too critical as to quality. We ask our customers to be forbearing (if necessary) while the present critical situation continues.

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Found Short Weights.

Arthur Harris, county sealer of weights and measures, accompanied by John H. Sullivan, city sealer of Newark and P. J. Caulfield, an assistant sealer, made an inspection of the scales, weights and measures in about one hundred stores in this town, Orange and Montclair on Saturday of last week, and in fifty of the stores visited, they found evidences of "doctored" scales and short weights and measures.

Saturday's visit was the first of the kind made to the places named by Official Inspector Harris and his call was in part due to complaints from women's clubs and associations.

Mr. Harris has been county sealer since February 8, filling a newly created office. No official standards or other necessary paraphernalia were furnished to him. But the complaints came in, and he decided to get busy. Sullivan had also received complaints from citizens in the towns visited Saturday, and so had the State sealer of weights and measures at Trenton, William L. Waldron.

Waldron has authority to delegate any city sealer to special work in any field throughout the State. So permission was obtained for Sullivan to go out and "break in" the new county sealer in a district which promised to be rich in results. It was even richer than had been anticipated.

Orange was the first point of attack. It furnished one large computing scale, one spring balance scale, a pair of counter scales and almost any quantity of "short" baskets and measures of all sorts.

Montclair claimed an hour. It added to the lot one computing scale, three counter scales, two spring scales and more "short" weights and measures than it would be polite to tell. Bloomfield fell in line with two computing scales, five counter scales and enough "shorts" in the way of weights and measures to make her rivals in the game jealous.

In all three towns tradesmen were selling beans and other such things by liquid measure, which gives the purchaser 15 per cent. less in returns than he is entitled to under the law, which requires that dry measure shall be used. Wooden dishes with tin binding and weighing two ounces were being weighed out as butter. In other words, the person who ordered a pound of butter got fourteen ounces. Heavy paper bags were being weighed as sugar. Pieces of beef weighing a couple of ounces or so were allowed to cling on the hooks of spring scales.

It was all done so quickly and quietly that none of the tradesmen were "on" until the fatal trap had been sprung, or the devices they used for meting out their stock in trade had passed official muster. When they were caught they generally assumed a "non vult" expression and tried to beg off. Now and then they put up an argument, but it wasn't listened to. The vigilant representatives of the law were too busy for palaver.

About a Creedless Church.

Is the average church really accomplishing anything like what it ought to?

For fifteen years the members of Unity Church, Montclair, have been building upon the idea that creed conditioned churches tend to put too little emphasis upon the needs of this present world and too much upon the hereafter. That creed subscription is inconsistent with the attitude which seeks and applies evermore new light upon the deep problems of life.

Hence Unity Church seeks to reinforce its members with a large grasp of life's great realities, to uplift society where society most needs help, and to express the life of its members in many ways, and they come to this town to invite all who are interested in a free creedless church to come and hear about such an institution, at Central Hall to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock, when the Rev. Edgar S. Wier of Unity Church, Montclair, will preach and his subject will be "Religion for the Twentieth Century."

A platform meeting will follow the sermon at which three laymen, active in Unity Church, will make brief addresses, giving the layman's view. The laymen who will speak are Honorable Robert Lyman Cox on "The Church for the Changing Time," Mr. A. S. Osborne on "My Personal View of the Church," and Emerson P. Harris, president of Unity Church, "What We Want of the Church."

The music will be in charge of Mrs. Diller of Unity Church, and Mrs. Wiggins at the piano.

Death of Mrs. Bowker.

Mrs. Ellen Bowker, wife of William Bowker, Sr., died Wednesday night at her home, 36 Ella street, after a lingering illness. The funeral service will be held to-morrow afternoon at half past two o'clock, and will be conducted by the Rev. J. William Ryder, pastor of the Watessing Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Bowker was one of the oldest members.

Mrs. Bowker was 81 years of age and was a native of England and had lived in the Watessing district upwards of forty years. In addition to her husband she is survived by three sons, John, Samuel and William Bowker and one daughter, Mrs. Charles K. Ferguson.

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CHURCH NEWS.

PREPARATIONS IN PROGRESS FOR CELEBRATING EASTER FESTIVAL.

Boys' Conference in Park Methodist Church this Afternoon - Confirmation in St. John's Church - General Church Notes.

Active preparations are in progress in all the churches for the observance of Holy Week and the celebration of the Easter Festival.

The Bloomfield Evangelical Union has arranged a most helpful series of union services for next week.

On Tuesday there will be a service held in Westminster Presbyterian Church to be addressed by the Rev. John Carson, D.D., of Brooklyn; on Wednesday evening in the First Presbyterian Church, to be addressed by the Rev. S. Parks Cadman, D.D., also of Brooklyn; and Thursday evening in the Park M. E. Church, by the Rev. Christian Reiser, pastor of the Grace M. E. Church of New York city. Friday evening the chorus choir of the Westminster Presbyterian Church will render "The Crucifixion," by John Stainer.

A conference of the older boys will be held this afternoon at 6 o'clock in the parish house of the Park M. E. Church, and will continue throughout the afternoon and evening.

This conference is for representative boys between the ages of fifteen and twenty, ten boys and two men leaders to be elected as delegates from each Sunday-school. All pastors and Sunday-school superintendents are invited to the conference.

To these delegates supper will be served at 6 o'clock by the ladies of our churches. Owing to the limitations of the dining hall, only pastors, superintendents and delegates can be invited to the supper, but all men are invited to attend afternoon and evening conferences.

To-morrow a class of three will be confirmed in St. John's Lutheran Church. Nicholas Arnold, Jr., Emil Neu and Frieda Straudt are the members of the class. The church will be prettily decorated with palms and potted plants and special songs will be rendered by the choir and a quartette. In the evening an English service will be held especially for all the young people who have been confirmed in the church. Good Friday evening a service will also be held, together with a preparatory service for communion on Easter Sunday morning. The newly confirmed children will also take their first communion on Easter Sunday.

George Goldsmith Daland, organist and choirmaster in Christ Episcopal Church, has arranged the following programme of music for the services in that church to-morrow: Eleven o'clock service, Benedicite in A flat, Singsper, offertory anthem, "The Palm" Faure. Half past four, afternoon service, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D, Clare; offertory, "The Palms."

On Sunday evening, April 4th, the Members of Eureka Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will attend service at the Church of the Ascension. The rector of the church, the Rev. William T. Lipton, will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion that evening and there will be special music.

A mass meeting will be held to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, in Westminster Presbyterian Church, to be addressed by John T. Sproull, president of the Coal and Iron National Bank of New York city, and by Henry B. Dickson, secretary of the Orange Y. M. C. A.

A meeting will be held in the Jervie Memorial at the same hour, which will be addressed by Mr. Charles R. Scott, New Jersey State Secretary for Boys' Work Y. M. C. A. Mr. Scott has been actively identified in work with boys in New Jersey for twenty years; during these years he has made a special study of boys, gathering hundreds of pictures, and from these he has selected nearly one hundred to illustrate his address on "The Making of Men."

The Men's League of Westminster Presbyterian Church held an exhibition of colored moving pictures Thursday night, showing the forty-day festivities preceding the coronation of George V. and his queen.

The closing entertainment in the First Presbyterian Church Guild course took place Monday night, with a concert by the Collegiate Concert Company.

Rev. Dr. Wm. T. Wilson, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, gave the sixth of a series of lectures on "Old Testament Puzzles and Their Modern Solutions" in the parlors of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church Thursday afternoon. His subject was "Job."

The Home Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church held its annual session Monday afternoon. Two pulpits chairs have been presented to the First Baptist Church as a memorial to the late Samuel Brower, one of the founders of the church.

Do not delay. Spring is here. Prepare your lawns with seeds and fertilizers. - OGDEN & CAMUS.

SIXTHLY - Note that in case of strike, prices are not likely to go down, and may go up. All orders which we may accept will be subject to future strike developments.

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